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West Bengal	2,070	1,800	1,070
Maharashtra	125	105	105
Uttar Pradesh	440	400	420
Other States	265	525	260
	18,175	20,340	14,600

(b) and (c) The Shellac Export Promotion Council and the Directorate of Lac Development provide assistance in the form of development brood lac extension service etc, for increasing lac production. The Directorate of Lac Development is also responsible for implementing the Central Sector Scheme on "lac extension and Package Programme for lac cultivation in Package Blocks and Establishment of Brood lac farm-cum-demonstration centres in various states". The Directorate has also six nucleus Broodlac farm-cum-demonstration centres in various lac producing states.

Contracts for processing of pulses executed by NAFED

2608. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister *of* AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the contract for processing of five lac bags of pulses costing over Rs. 20 crores executed by N.A.F.E.D. during the period from 1978 to 1981 with the private millers are under litigation in the High Court;

(b) whether it is a fact that one pri vate miller from Faridabad operated ac counts in N.A.F.E.D. under three differ ent registered names viz. M|s. Prem In dustries, M|s. Priem Trading Company and M]s. Dharam Trading Company;

(c) whether the private millers were permitted to take away extra recovery quantity of Dal than the stipulated mini mum recovery by maintaining fictitious processing record ip N.A.F.E.D.; and

(d) if so whether Government propose to appoint a special squad of auditors to investigate the facts of the current disputed cases pending in the High Court?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) The processing work of pulses was undertaken by NAFED through a number of millers during the period from 1978 to 1981. However, in case of one miller viz. M|s. Prem Industries, the matter is under litigation in Delhi High Court. A quantity of 46.2C7 bags weighing 4472 MTs of Arhar whole was supplied to the miller for processing and the miller failed to give recovery as per the agreement. The NAFED, therefore, filed a Civil Suit for recovery of an amount of Rs. 23,18,958.12.

(b) NAFED had dealt with M|s. Prem Industries, M|s. Priem Trading Company and M|s. Dharam Trading Company during the above period. These three Companies did not operate from Faridabad. NAFED is not aware if there is any inter-relationship between these parties.

(c) The private miller i.e. M|s. Prem Industries was required to give fixed re covery in terms of processed pulses and their by-products as per the agreement. M/s. Prem Industries did not give the re quired recovery and there was a shortfall in the recovery of Arhar dal as under:—

(i) 75% quality — 167 MT
(ii) 70% quality — 124 MTs
(iii) 5% quality (Khanda) — 60 MT

(d) There is no need to appoint a special squad of auditors to investigate the matter as the accounts for the above period have been duly audited by statutory auditors appointed by the Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies.

Extension of time for clearing and forwarding agent of NAFED

2609. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one agent is continuing in NAFED at Bombay for clearing and forwarding at Port and Rail-ways;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the said agent is being granted extension even after the expiry of date of agreement and also granted increase in the rates during the agreement period; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b) M|s. Ramdas Pragji & Sons were appointed as clearing and forwarding (C&F) agent at Bombay on regular basis from the year 1982-83 after inviting quotations through newspapers etc. Their agency was extended upto 31-12-1984. They were again appointed C & F agents for 1984-85. Further extension was allowed till 30-9-1988. However, fresh quotations have been invited for appointment of C & F agents at Bombay for the period 1988—90.

(c) and (d) As per guidelines formulated by NAFED for appointment of service agents including C & F agents, the quotations given by various agents are negotiated and subject to satisfactory performance and competitive rates, their agency can be renewed. In view of this, the renewals were granted to M|s. Ramdas Pragji & Sons from time to time as mentioned above. There is also a provision in the guidelines that the existing C & F agents may continue to work even after expiry of the contract period on the same rates till arrangements for regular appointment|renewal of agency are made. Further, no increase in rates is allowed during the pendency of the agreement except for statutory increase in the rates of labour wages or hike in fuel in transport rates etc. Under this provision an increase in transportation charges by 20 per cent and labour charges by Rs. 2.80 PMT was allowed on 16-12-1985. An amount of Rs. 2500 per container was also allowed on 16-7-1986 as charges for stuffing the containers with export cargo of nigerseed which was a new item and was not covered under original contract.

Encroachment of land in Basant village

2610. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India informed an Honourable Member vide their communication No. J-130336|1|86-UD-1113|860 dated 3rd March, 1986 that the DDA has initiated action against some encroachers of public thoroughfare in Basant village and that DDA will proceed against them as per the provisions of the DDA Act, 1957;

(b) whether the DDA had also vide their communication No. CE|LP|18-A|85|1176 dated 13th December, 1985 informed the same Hon'ble Member that action for the removal of the illegal encroachments would be taken after completion of procedural formalities;

(c) if so, whether the above said actions were initiated and completed;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether communications in this regard have been recently received by Government from Hon'ble Member of Parliament; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.